Introduction

The Prince Edward Island fishery statistical brochure is designed to present the most current information available on our very important fishing industry. In terms of economics, the fishery ranks third in the province behind agriculture and tourism. The fishery landed weight in 2010 exceeded 124 million pounds and a landed value in excess of $122 million. The value to the economy of the province exceeds $240 million. The industry employs as many as 8,500 people at peak production. Please contact our department if you require further information.

Prince Edward Island
Department of
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development

General Information

No. of Commercial Fishermen	4,150
No. of Fishing Vessels - inshore	1,300
No. of Licensed Lobster Fishermen	1,287
No. of Licensed Groundfish Fishermen	880
No. of Licensed Mackerel Fishermen	1,279
No. of Licensed Herring Fishermen	869
No. of Employees in Processing Plants	2,000
No. of Provincially Licensed and Federally Registered Export Plants	42
No. of Provincially Licensed Non-Export Plants	20
No. of Major Shellfish Shippers	17
No. of Finfish Culture Sites	5

Value of Fishery to P.E.I. Economy = Approximately $ 244 Million

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Landed Weight (000s lbs.)

	2009	2010
Groundfish	244	267
Pelagic & Estuarial	37,570	40,293
Molluscs & Crustaceans	80,446	82,161
Seaplants	1,450	1,000
Total	119,710	123,721

Landings and Value of Major Species - 2010

	000s lbs.	Metric Tons	000s $
Cod	47	21	32
Hake	1	0	0
Flounder	57	26	20
Blackbacks	90	41	67
Halibut	71	32	270
Other Groundfish	1	0	1
Tuna	330	150	1,812
Mackerel	4,081	1,852	1,483
Herring	34,401	15,608	5,121
Gaspereaux	379	172	153
Eels	117	53	238
Smelts	105	48	36
Silversides	880	399	459
Cultured Finfish	0	0	2,200
Lobster	23,821	10,808	82,382
Bar Clams	909	412	420
Soft-Shell Clams	190	86	211
Quahaugs	890	404	869
Scallops	125	57	735
Mussels	44,338	20,117	26,603
Oysters	5,462	2,478	5,844
Snow Crab	1,818	825	3,475
Rock Crab	4,607	2,090	1,879
Whelks	1	0	0
Irish Moss	500	227	50
Furcellaria Mix	500	227	200
TOTAL FISH AND MARINE PLANTS	**123,721**	**56,135**	**134,560**

Landed Value (000s $)

	2009	2010
Groundfish	309	391
Pelagic & Estuarial	10,460	11,502
Molluscs & Crustaceans	113,617	122,418
Seaplants	376	250
Total	**124,762**	**134,561**

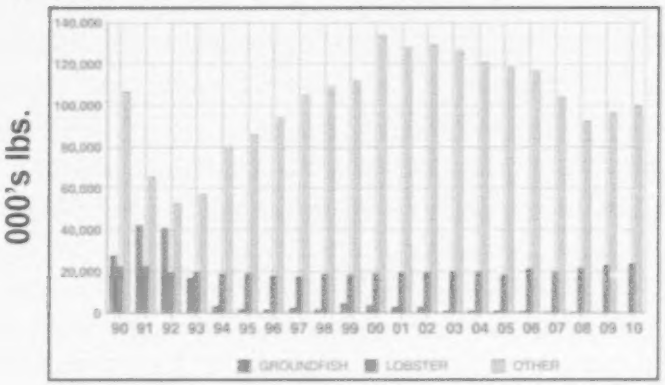
Lobster Landings and Values

V= Values in 000s $ Q= Quantity in million lbs.

	Q	V
Avg. 20s	7.5	610.9
Avg. 30s	7.8	503.8
Avg. 40s	6.6	1,102.3
Avg. 50s	8.3	2,234.8
Avg. 60s	8.6	4,188.9
Avg. 70s	8.7	9,368.3

1980s	**1980**	**11.8**	**15,458.0**
	1981	11.9	18,519.0
	1982	12.2	22,519.0
	1983	15.5	29,056.0
	1984	13.6	23,137.8
	1985	15.0	33,591.9
	1986	18.3	44,494.2
	1987	18.9	49,532.1
	1988	22.0	56,128.9
	1989	21.3	46,058.0
Avg 80s		**16.1**	**33,857.5**
1990s	**1990**	**22.5**	**40,348.0**
	1991	22.8	48,521.9
	1992	19.6	58,068.0
	1993	19.8	51,712.0
	1994	18.9	65,398.0
	1995	19.3	79,242.0
	1996	17.9	61,319.0
	1997	17.6	70,614.0
	1998	18.9	80,553.0
	1999	18.4	88,778.0
Avg 90s		**19.6**	**62,455.3**
2000s	**2000**	**19.1**	**87,769.0**
	2001	19.3	104,831.0
	2002	19.9	105,339.0
	2003	20.0	108,308.0
	2004	19.9	100,099.0
	2005	18.5	103,222.0
	2006	21.5	113,391.0
	2007	20.1	108,647.0
	2008	21.9	100,740.0
	2009	22.9	71,895.0
	2010	**23.8**	**82382.0**

PEI Fish Landings - 1990 to 2010



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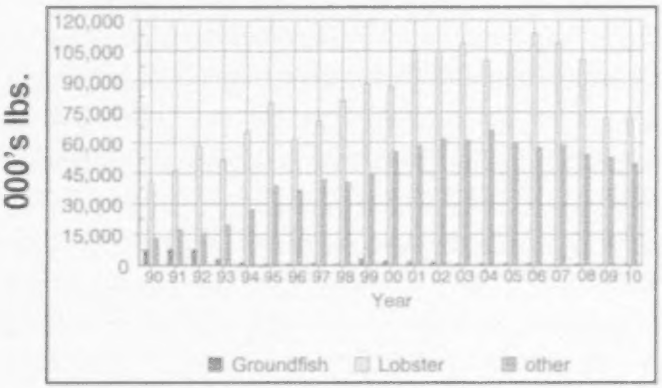


Crab Landings (lbs.)

Year	Snow	Rock	Spider (Toad)
2006	7,564,298	5,052,106	1,338,559
2007	7,282,703	5,104,575	1,401,741
2008	5,815,670	4,957,475	116,411
2009	4,329,835	4,527,835	0
2010	1,818,498	4,607,542	0

Top 10 Species By Value

2009		2010	
Species	000s $	Species	000s $
1. Lobster	71,895	1. Lobster	82,382
2. Mussels	24,655	2. Mussels	26,603
3. Snow Crab	7,585	3. Oysters	5,844
4. Oysters	5,075	4. Herring	5,121
5. Herring	3,738	5. Snow Crab	3,475
6. Bluefin Tuna	2,152	6. Cultured Finfish	2,200
7. Cultured Finfish	1,828	7. Rock Crab	1,879
8. Mackerel	1,817	8. Bluefin Tuna	1,812
9. Rock Crab	1,712	9. Mackerel	1,483
10. Quahaugs	880	10. Quahaugs	869

Top 10 Species By Weight

2009		2010	
Species	000s lbs.	Species	000s lbs.
1. Mussels	41,091	1. Mussels	44,338
2. Herring	30,256	2. Herring	34,401
3. Lobster	22,939	3. Lobster	23,821
4. Mackerel	5,344	4. Oysters	5,462
5. Oysters	5,029	5. Rock Crab	4,607
6. Rock Crab	4,527	6. Mackerel	4,081
7. Snow Crab	4,329	7. Snow Crab	1,818
8. Silversides	1,011	8. Bar Clams	909
9. Quahaugs	935	9. Quahaugs	890
10. Bar Clams	879	10. Silversides	880

Lobster Landings (lbs.) – 2010

	Canners	Markets	Total
LFA 24	10,260,253	4,329,193	14,589,446
LFA 26A	2,922,991	2,248,873	5,171,864
LFA 25	2,560,698	1,499,526	4,060,224
		Total	23,821,534

LFA 24 – North Cape to East Point
(Season: May 01 to June 30)

LFA 26A – East Point to Victoria
(Season: May 01 to June 30)

LFA 25 – Victoria to North Cape
(Season: August 9 to October 10)

PEI Aquaculture Production 1990 – 2010

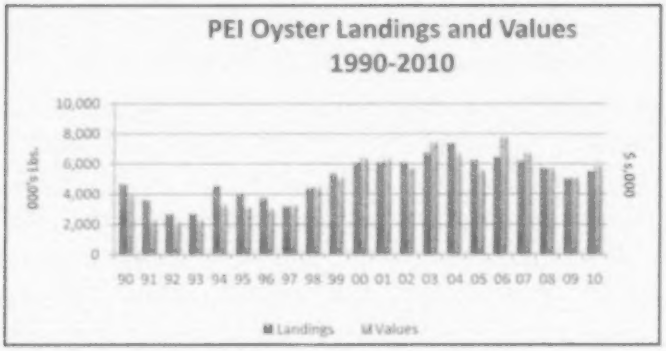
Landings (lbs.)

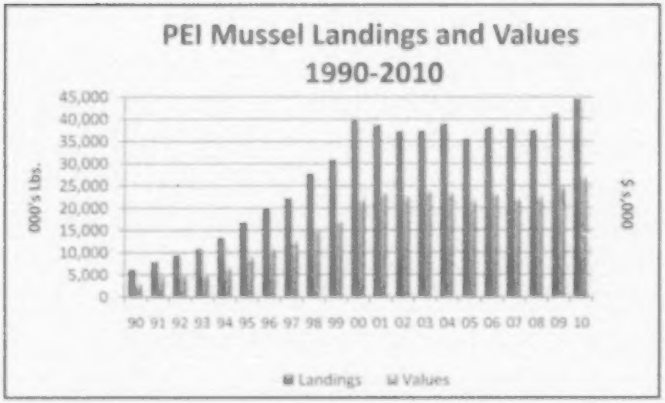
Year	Oysters	Mussels	Finfish	Total
1990	3,911,888	5,945,047	114,575	**9,971,510**
1991	2,605,175	7,676,879	82,272	**10,364,326**
1992	2,593,795	9,210,010	123,000	**11,926,805**
1993	2,657,645	10,555,626	107,462	**13,320,733**
1994	3,424,836	13,112,208	117,692	**16,654,736**
1995	3,952,397	16,468,177	130,180	**20,550,754**
1996	3,695,705	19,442,519	140,760	**23,278,984**
1997	3,149,563	21,993,112	207,920	**25,265,966**
1998	4,351,746	27,472,459	218,852	**32,043,057**
1999	5,342,301	30,626,539	180,526	**36,149,366**
2000	6,022,545	39,459,453	168,000	**45,649,998**
2001	6,031,400	38,599,186	195,640	**44,826,226**
2002	6,028,835	37,003,701	72,080	**43,104,616**
2003	6,694,693	37,102,487	53,552	**43,850,732**
2004	7,352,700	38,747,715	44,305	**46,144,720**
2005	6,281,054	35,350,173	24,000	**41,655,227**
2006	6,439,913	38,025,462	22,500	**44,487,875**
2007	6,183,797	37,645,688	30,000	**43,859,485**
2008	5,653,918	37,301,880	9,000	**42,964,798**
2009	5,028,503	41,091,361	0	**46,119,864**
2010	**5,462,146**	**44,338,470**	**0**	**49,800,616**

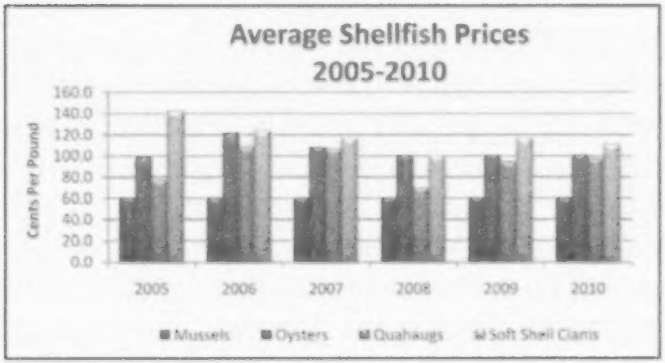
Note: Oyster landings include the public oyster fishery and lease production.

Values (000s)$

Year	Oysters	Mussels	Finfish	Total
1990	3,489	2,675	356	**6,520**
1991	1,632	3,838	391	**6,061**
1992	2,062	4,959	542	**7,563**
1993	2,227	4,972	406	**7,605**
1994	3,275	6,321	487	**10,083**
1995	3,070	8,596	532	**12,198**
1996	2,945	10,693	806	**14,444**
1997	3,181	12,096	817	**16,094**
1998	4,447	15,110	882	**20,439**
1999	5,075	16,845	786	**22,706**
2000	6,324	21,703	733	**28,760**
2001	6,273	23,160	811	**30,244**
2002	5,727	22,202	892	**28,821**
2003	7,431	23,597	852	**31,880**
2004	6,670	23,249	3,256	**33,175**
2005	5,527	21,422	1,888	**28,837**
2006	7,793	22,813	1,311	**31,917**
2007	6,702	21,777	1,684	**30,163**
2008	5,654	22,381	1,624	**29,659**
2009	5,075	24,655	1,828	**33,567**
2010	**5,844**	**26,603**	**2,200**	**36,657**







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